

DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police arrest commercial waterman for numerous shellfish and boating violations

DELAWARE CITY – Following an investigation into illegal activity on the Delaware River, DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police arrested a commercial waterman from Sussex County on Sept. 20 for more than 600 shellfish and boating violations near Delaware City.



Shawn P. Moore, 40, of Georgetown, was charged with 322 counts of failure to tend commercial crab pots within 72 hours; 171 counts of improperly-marked commercial crab pot license number on buoy; 121 counts of over-the-limit commercial crab pots; two counts of crabbing from a vessel not displaying a proper color panel; and one count each of commercial crabbing under a crab pot number not assigned by DNREC; failure to have a commercial license in his possession; no fire extinguisher; no sound-producing device; and reckless operation of a vessel.

Moore was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 11 in New Castle, where he pleaded not guilty to all charges. He was released on his own recognizance pending a future appearance in the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas.

Citizens are encouraged to report fisheries violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police by calling 800-523-3336.

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